

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HEALTH CARE SCHEME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to provide health care to Senior Citizens;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be formulated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP) was announced in January 1999 by nodal Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. NPOP aims at providing a better and meaningful life for older persons. The areas of intervention visualized in this policy include, inter alia, health care and nutrition. To operationalise NPOP the nodal Ministry has set up National Council for Older Persons (NCOP).

The Government has also announced National Health Policy 2002 with an objective to achieve an acceptable standard of good health amongst the general population including the geriatric population of the country.

Besides, some public sector general insurance companies are marketing some health insurance products for general public which are also available to senior citizens. These include Mediclaim Insurance Policy available to persons up to the age of 80 years; Jan Arogya Bima Policy available upto the age of 70 years and Universal Health Insurance Scheme that covers people upto the age of 65 years.